



Alexander Mackenzie High School

School Council

Monday, May 17, 2021

7:15 – 8:15 pm via GoToMeeting

MINUTES

Attendees

Present: Cathy Clarke (teacher rep), Loren Thorburn, Xun Wang, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Teresa Ho, Sabira Pradhan, Marna Sobel, Christine LaForge, Krista Pummell (principal), George Ellinas (vice principal), Nazila Reyhani (Guidance/IB rep), Erika Pridie (vice principal), Wil Husnutdinov (student rep)

Guests: Nilay, Harry Sha, John Chai, Erena

Absent: Amanda Shulman

Student Report - student council met virtually - *Wil Husnutdinov*

- Council is shifting its focus to 2021/2022
- Coding Club
 - coding club will be part of council meetings
 - coding club continues to work on the website and eventually an app
 - will be looking for feedback regarding new website from students, staff, support staff, etc.
- Grade 12 Celebration Committee
 - trying to put together a virtual memory book for graduating class (separate from graduation)
- Elections
 - May 20 - campaign starts
 - May 27 - campaign ends
 - May 28 - election

Teacher Report - *Cathy Clarke*

- Students interested in being part of 2021/2022 council should see the link on the Teacher report
- See attached for full update

Guidance Report - Nazila Reyhani

- See attached presentation
 - Summer School registration closing on June 25th (318 students registered so far)
 - Credit upgrading - for students who have a low mark can up the mark
 - Reinforcement - for students who need to recover a credit
 - Acceleration - for student who want to get ahead
 - Courses also offered for Grade 8; International languages, Mandarin, Spanish and Farsi; These do not go towards credit
 - Graduations
 - Grad Photos - looking at how school can accommodate getting all student photos
 - Community Service - around 40 students who still need to get their hours
 - Self-nominations awards - looking at the final list of donors
 - Health & Wellness week - drop in for students for this week. Will continue this if the students would like
 - Grade 11 - will provide two sessions for Scholarships and CAS (IB), before end of the year so the students will have the summer to think about it
 - June 3rd - last day to drop courses

Admin report - Krista Pummell, Erika Pridie

Krista Pummell

- Thank you for Cathy and Nazila for all their engagement and communication this year
- Plans for the next school year - HYBRID model is being offered
 - Consulted with schools, students, teachers, parents, trustees in determining model
 - Desire for students to maintain connections with their homeschool
 - Board will be sending a survey in August to determine whether they want online or face-to-face
 - Starting the timetable process to share with students soon
 - For students who have signed up for summer school, their course request will be removed to free up space for other students and determine what courses can be offered for next year.
 - If students do not complete summer school will need to contact guidance.
- Graduation - virtual graduation this year. A link will be provided to families to watch their students be recognized virtually. Grad gowns should be delivered by the end of the year. Packages can be picked up at the end of July which include gowns, certificates, photos, plus small gift from school.

Erika Pridie

- June 18th - marks are due for grade 12 students, and grade 11 students who are graduating. This is also credit conferencing and credit rescue day, for students who require additional support.
- Classes will continue for all students until June 25th
- Grade 9,10,11 - marks are due on the 24th
- June 28th - another credit conferencing and credit rescue day

- June 29th is a PA day
- OCAS upload - July 2nd
- OUAC submission - July 5th

2020/2021 School Council Business

Treasurer Report - see attached.

Graduation Awards: School awards criteria are being reviewed to ensure they are inclusive, reflect all students and include f-2-f and SVS students.

Students can only apply for a maximum of 3 awards

Current Criteria for Self Nominated Award: *To two graduates continuing on to post-secondary education, who have been leaders at school, fostered school spirit and been advocates for AMHS, attending AMHS for 3 years or more.*

Criteria must include students in face-to-face and SVS where Alex Mackenzie is their homeschool

Questions:

- If a student is taking a gap year, should they also be allowed to participate?
- Should we include students who have been at Alex Mac less than 3 years?
- Should SC members be part of the process for selecting the recipients?

School will be looking at criteria for all awards and will provide SC members with final criteria to incorporate into the graduation award. Staff do feel it is important to get input from SC members into criteria.

Votes:

Do we want to only include students who are going to post secondary?

YES - 1 NO - 7

Do we want to include students who have shown leadership?

YES - 6 NO - 1

Should the student have been at AMHS for 3 years or more to participate?

Yes - 1 NO - 8

Suggestions:

- Of good academic standing, fostered school spirit and has made a positive impact to the AMHS community
- Given to two graduates who have fostered school spirit, made a positive impact on the school and been advocates for AMHS
- replace "leaders at school" with "made a positive impact in the AMHS community"?

A big thank you to Loren, Karl and Xun who have done an amazing job running the school council over the last few years. Also to our other members who will not be joining us again next year. We appreciate all your engagement and commitment over the years.

School Council Elections will happen in September. Must have 3 members - Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We encourage new members to apply for these positions.

2020-2021 Council Members

Co-chairs: Loren Thorburn & Karl Brumund

Secretary: Ruby Thind

Treasurer: Xun Wang

Parent Reps: Teresa Ho, Christine LaForge,

Kelly Levson, Sabira Pradhan,

Amanda Shulman, Marna Sobel

2020-2021 Meeting Dates

online via Gotomeeting @ 7:15pm

Monday September 21, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday October 19, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday November 16, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday January 18, 2021 @ 7:15pm

Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 7:15pm

Monday May 17, 2021 @ 7:15pm



Alexandar MacKenzie High School
 School Council Treasurer's Report
 As of May 10, 2021

School Council School Account

Beginning Balance as of Septem 1, 2020 \$ 2,333.33

Add Source of Income:

Donations	\$ 145.63	
Total Revenue		145.63

Less Expenditures:

Total Expenditures		-
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Current School Council Account balance as of May 10, 2021	\$ 2,478.96
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Board Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2020 \$ -

Add Source of Income:

Board Funds	\$ 500.00	
Total Revenue		500.00

Less Expenditures: 2020 Grad Gift \$1,050	\$ 500.00	
(\$550 absorbed by the school) Total Expenditures		500.00

Current Board Account balance as of May 10, 2021	\$ -
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School Board Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2020 \$ -

Add Source of Income:

PRO Grant	\$ -	
Total Revenue		-

Less Expenditures: Brooks Gibbs	\$ 639.85	
Total Expenditures		639.85

Current PRO Grant Account balance as of May 10, 2021	\$ (639.85)
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Guidance Updates


School Council

May 2021





Summer School

- Summer School Registration- June 25
 - Grade 9-12
 - Acceleration, Credit upgrading, Reinforcement
 - Grade 8 Reach Ahead Opportunities
 - International Languages
 - Discovering the workplace
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Graduating Class

Class of 2021:

- » Grad photos
- » Community Service (20 hrs.)
- » Grad Awards



Graduation Awards

- Department Awards
 - Adaptive & SVS
 - Leadership Team to reivew
- Self-Nomination Awards
 - Number of awards

Health and Wellness Week (continued)

Guidance Wellness Drop-in times:

- » Tuesday, May 18th (8:00 am to 8:25 am)
- » Wednesday, May 19th (11:45 am to 12:15 pm)
- » Thursday, May 20th (8:00 am to 8:25 am)

Guidance Information Sessions:

- **Grades 9-10:**
 - Mental health
 - Time management
- **Grade 11:**
 - Post-Secondary Information (Scholarships)
 - Regional Program (IB): CAS

Guidance

Timelines:

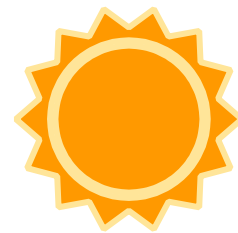
- » Last day to drop a course → June 3rd
- » OUAC updates → End of school year

THANKS!

Any questions?

AMHS Guidance <amhs.guidance@gapps.yrdsb.ca>

Nazzy Reyhani <nazila.reyhani@yrdsb.ca>



Are you following our AMHS YouTube Channel? <http://bit.ly/amhsyoutube>

Grade 8 Digital Virtual Open House: <http://bit.ly/amhsopenhouse2021>

AMHS Library Website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/library/Pages/Library%20-Home.aspx>

AMHS Student Life Classroom

Classroom code: mg54bhx

We are encouraging all AMHS students to sign up for the AMHS Student Life Classroom and turn on notifications. There are many AMHS extra-curricular activities, digital events and opportunities posted in this classroom.

Arts Mackenize

Arts Mackenzie invites all families to follow our adventures on social media:

Instagram: @artsmackenzie @artsmackenziedance @amhs.music @amhs.studio

Twitter: @AMHSPA @AMHS_Music @amhsvisa

Dance and Theatre Arts

Our dance and theatre students continue to be inspired by professional performing arts from the Toronto and international community, including the Shaw Festival and Stratford Festival. All students are working with the guest artists in preparation for their spring performances.

Music

-Music Council is working on a time capsule to document school during a pandemic(to be opened in 2035).

-All music groups and classes (both repertoire and regular) are working towards a final “concert” in mid-June featuring virtual ensembles recorded from home. Some draft samples are below:

[Virtual Choir](#)(audio only)

[Student Digital Composition](#) (audio only)

[Grade 10 Virtual Band](#) (video)

[Grade 9 Virtual Band](#) (video)

[String Small Ensemble](#) (audio only)

Queen, the Bear and the Bumblebee | Cross Discipline Collaboration

Students across the Arts Mackenzie disciplines will be participating in a theatrical re-imagining of Dini Petty's *The Queen, the Bear and the Bumblebee*. Working with Dini Petty, students will design a 2021 version that upholds the story's themes of identity, diversity and friendship. The goal is to engage with elementary students digitally with the hope of eventually staging the piece at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts in the future.

Spring Performance Schedule from the Digital Studio Spaces:

Arts Mackenzie is working on a spring performance season to showcase the work of our students.

Specific dates will be announced as we get closer to the activities. Additional dates for ensemble groups (not on this list) to be released as details are confirmed.

Virtual Presentation of a Chorus Line from Mackenzie Music Musical Theatre	May 27th to June 4th
Visual Arts Mackenzie Senior Arts Show	May/June Release Date
Theatre Arts Mackenzie Senior Showcase	June 3rd to 8th
Dance Arts Mackenzie Dance Expressions	Mid June Release Date
Music Arts Mackenzie Ensemble Performances	Mid June Release Date
Queen, the Bear and the Bumblebee	Week of June 14th

Visual Arts

- ACC: students are creating artworks in a joint project with the Medlife student group to donate to Del Manor Elgin Mills Retirement home
- the senior visual arts classes will be working with students at Huron Heights SS and guest artist Deron Douglas in creating works that reflect their concepts of 'home' (in June)
- the gr. 9/10- Arts Mack visual arts students will be participating in a 'mindful stitching' textile virtual workshop with local artist Melanie Siegel in April
- the gr. 11 arts students will be working on digital set design backdrops for the theatrical production of Dini Petty's *The Queen, the Bear & the Bumblebee* in May
- the gr. 12 arts students will be curating a digital grad art show in May

Business Studies

- Marketing students are working on developing their Marketing Plans and business pitch on the virtual classrooms
- Digital technology students in BTT are working on their website design and E-portfolios
- Students in Grade 10. Business took part in a virtual stock market simulation competition! The learning fostered a greater understanding of financial savings and investments.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH)

May is Speech and Hearing awareness month so to recognize our students the staff will be putting together a special message to our students, whilst recognizing their special talents and resiliency over the past year. We are also looking forward to seeing students at a special Google Meet and Greet.

The department Grad group has also been busy planning an end of year celebration for our two Grade 12 graduates.

Guidance

Please see Guidance Slide Deck for this month's presentation.

Math Department

The Math Department is having another successful year with the dedicated commitment of our students and teachers. Our students continue to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement including admissions to universities of their choices. The IB students are completing their program and Ontario requirements, and the core students are gearing up for the final assessments with the continued support of their teachers. As most parents are aware, the Grade 9 Mathematics courses will be de-streamed effective September 2021 as mandated by the Ministry of Education. With the support of the administration, teachers have been engaging in a variety of professional development activities to prepare for this new and exciting initiative. We will continue to support and ensure a smooth transition of the Grade 9 students into the de-streamed Math program. More details will follow as we approach the beginning of the school year 2021/2022. On behalf of the staff of the Math Department, we would like to thank the students and parents for their unwavering support, and wish them a healthy and happy summer.

Student Council Elections for 2021-2022

Student Council will be hosting a campaign and election for the 2021-2022 council from May 20th to 28th. The following positions will be elected during our virtual elections on May 28th:

- President
- Vice President
- Grade 10 and 11 Representative

The remaining positions will be determined by application and interview. Please see <http://bit.ly/stucoelections21>